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Letter dated 4 February 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan concerning the accession by Kazakhstan to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as a non-nuclear-weapon State (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly under the agenda item entitled "General and complete disarmament".

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ANNEX

Information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan

On 13 December 1993 the Supreme Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan approved the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

The accession by Kazakhstan to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons is an important step in the attainment of the Republic's foreign-policy goal of getting rid of nuclear weapons. Kazakhstan, as is well known, was the first State to ratify the Treaty on the Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms and the Lisbon Protocol. By acceding to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Kazakhstan has taken one further step in demonstrating its fidelity to international obligations. In this unique manner, a whole era of the history of Kazakhstan has been brought to a close, an era characterized by the testing and deployment of nuclear weapons in its territory.

During the 25 years that the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons has been in force, the policy of nuclear non-proliferation has seen both successes and failures. Nevertheless, the overall trends in the development of international relations point in the direction of a nuclear-free - and hence a safer - world. A reduction is being effected in the colossal nuclear arsenals of the United States and the former USSR, negotiations are under way on a comprehensive ban and permanent moratorium on nuclear testing, and control is being strengthened everywhere with a view to ensuring the non-proliferation of dual-purpose nuclear components and materials. By acceding to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Kazakhstan has made its contribution to reinforcing the non-proliferation regime and to establishing a global security system.

We have translated into action our declarations concerning our desire to build relations with neighbouring States and with the entire world community based on the principles of good-neighbourliness and equal partnership, and rejection of the use of force in resolving disputes and conflicts.